

MINUTES

SC Department of Labor, Licensing, & Regulation
Board of Registration for Geologists

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
SYNERGY OFFICE PARK
KINGSTREE BUILDING, ROOM 204
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE
COLUMBIA, S.C. 29210

NOTE: These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and a brief summary of the meeting.

1. Call to Order

Kevin Ryan, Chair, was present and called the meeting of the South Carolina Board of Registration for Geologists to order on December 12, 2017, at 10:05am, with a quorum present. Other Board members present were Duke Brantley, Chuck Gorman, and Vernon Ichimura joining by conference call. LLR staff members participating in the meeting included Doris Cubitt, Administrator, Susanna Sharpe, Assistant Administrator, Chelsea Buchanan, Program Coordinator, Courtney Wise, Administrative Assistant, and James Russell, Advice Counsel filling in for Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel.

2. Consideration of Excuses for Absences of Board Members

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to excuse Nina Marshtein, from the Board meeting. Duke Brantley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to adopt the agenda. Duke Brantley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion

Kevin Ryan noted that regarding item 7, that he himself had given the chairman's remarks instead of Chuck Gorman. Kevin Ryan also pointed out that Hardwick Stuart, Advice Counsel to the Board, will be preparing the Board's written response to the Legislative Review that was discussed in September, but that there will still be opportunities for further discussion on the topic. Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the minutes of the

September 26, 2017 meeting with those amendments. Duke Brantley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Office of Investigation and Enforcement Report

A. Doris Cubitt presented the report, which stated that there is one case active case and one case has been closed. The Board members did not have any new suggestions for an expert witness to assist with the active case.

6. Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Doris Cubitt presented the report, which stated that there are no pending cases.

7. Chairman's Remarks-Kevin Ryan

Kevin Ryan thanked everyone for being present for the meeting and wished them happy holidays.

8. Administrator's Report-Doris Cubitt

A. Doris Cubitt presented the financial report for the months of October and November of 2017.

B. Mrs. Cubitt presented the licensee update. Currently there are 580 active Professional Geologists and 23 Geologists-In-Training.

C. ASBOG held the Administrator's Workshop, Annual Meeting, and Fall COE in October and staff presented a brief overview of the material covered during the Administrator's Workshop they were able to attend by phone. The exams, exam logistics, courtesy proctors, and other administrative matters the staff deals with in administering the ASBOG exams were the main focus. Some academic matters were also discussed, including some states voicing concerns about a lack of uniformity in the naming of geology degrees from state to state and even institution to institution. These states felt that the variation has led to significant challenges for some applicants to obtain licensing and employment in different states.

D. The board discussed alternative meeting dates to accommodate the member's schedules and concluded that Board staff will email potential options to the Board for decisions.

E. Dylan Sitterle presented a continuing education reporting software program (CE Broker) that is already being used by some boards in the agency and implemented by others. The purpose of the program is for licensees to report and store continuing education information which can then be submitted in the renewal process for continuing education audits. The Board felt the software could be a good resource for their licensees.

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the development of the program to be used by the Geology Board. Duke Brantley

seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. New Business

A. GEO Applications

1. Brian William Walter

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the applicant to take the FG and PG exams in order to be licensed as a Professional Geologist. Duke Brantley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Thomas Sherrod

Motion

Duke Brantley made a motion to approve the applicant to take the FG and PG exams in order to be licensed as a Professional Geologist. Chuck Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

B. GIT Applications

1. Joshua Daniel Gathro

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the applicant to be registered as a GIT based on the same registration in another state, having already passed the FG exam. Duke Brantley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. Adam Mark Looper

Motion

Duke Brantley made a motion to approve the applicant to take the FG exam in order to become registered as a GIT. Chuck Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. David John Oberly II

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the applicant to take the FG exam in order to become registered as a GIT. Duke Brantley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Ashleigh Thrash

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the applicant to take the FG exam in order to become registered as a GIT. Vernon Ichimura seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

C. Reciprocity Applications

1. Annamarie Hildebrand Blauser

Motion

Chuck Gorman made a motion to approve the applicant for licensure by reciprocity. Duke Brantley seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

2. James Frere

Motion

Duke Brantley made a motion to approve the applicant for licensure by reciprocity. Chuck Gorman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

10. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11. Adjournment

Motion

With no further business to be discussed at this time, Kevin Ryan adjourned the December 12, 2017 meeting of the SC Board of Registration for Geologists at 12:00 pm.